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SUBJECT: GENERAL SANCAR, SENATOR INAN COMMENT ON
ARMS EMBARGO

1. CHIEF OF TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) SANCAR, IN A MESSAGE ISSUED FOR TURKISH ARMED FORCES DAY (AUGUST 26), STATED THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO "HAS WITHOUT A DOUBT HAD AN EFFECT ON THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES." SANCAR SAID "WE REGARD SUCH ACTIONS AS BEING OUTSIDE THE CONCEPT OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE AND WE MAINTAIN OUR HOPE THAT OUR ALLIES WILL FULLY RETURN TO REALITY WITHOUT DELAY." SANCAR ALSO NOTED THAT "NATIONAL INTERESTS WOULD BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS" AND THAT TURKEY WAS "RESOLUTE" ABOUT FULFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

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2. AT A TWO-DAY SEMINAR ON THE "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC

AND MILITARY EFFECTS OF THE AMERICAN EMBARGO" SPONSORED BY
THE TURKISH ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION BEGINNING AUGUST 25,
CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
KAMURAN INAN STATED THAT "THE EMBARGO HAS CAUSED A LACK
OF CONFIDENCE AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD IN THE
COMMITMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES." HE SAID THAT THE
REFUSAL TO PERMIT ARMS PURCHASES AND THE REQUIREMENT TO
PAY FOR STORAGE WAS A "VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND
THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT." STATING HIS
BELIEF THAT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS
MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE US TO GO TO THE DEFENSE OF A
THREATENED ALLY, HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE TO
HAVE A LOBBY IN THE US THAN TO HAVE A DEFENSE AGREEMENT.
INAN CALLED ON THE US TO DECLARE PUBLICLY WHETHER IT IS
PREPARED TO CARRY OUT ITS COMMITMENTS TO NATO.
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